petitions of Alex. Harvey for alleged damages to his property, north Oxford street, and Wm. M. Moore, requiring that an outlet be furnished him through city property for the drainage of Rosedale, or the Scanlan farm, be filed. 2. The following petitions for improvements were referred to the Engineer: Robt. Winnet et al., for sidewalks on south South street; Robt. Corcoran, et al., for sidewalk on east Maitland street; Robt. Tambling et al., for plank walk and sewer on Grey street; W. M. Ferguson et al., for sewer on Colborne street; and Durand and Moore, to have Elizabeth and Rattle streets graded. Engineer to call for tenders. 3. That the following tenders being the lowest be accepted: Wm. Fox, sweeping block pavement at $6 75 per trip; H. W. Healy, asphalt walk, at 45 cents per square yard; Ferguson Bros., lumber at $13 per "M"; J. Cowan & Co., nails, $2 53 per keg of 100 lbs.; P. Mulhall, paving crossings 22 cents, gutters 12 cents, block crossing $1 per yard, the committee if disposed to employ day labor. Sewers—South street, Moses Cox, $430; Talbot, B. Johnston, $300; Kent, F. Harding, $148 32; Ridout, F. Harding, $95 50. Gravel—Edward Shea, north Dundas, $2 55, south Dundas, $3 14; unscreened, north Dundas, $2 09, south Dundas, $2 64; screened, north Dundas, $2 08, south Dundas, $2 40; paving stone, north and south of Dundas, $2 40; north of Oxford, $1 59; M. Shea, broken stone, north of Dundas, $1 60, south of Dundas, $2 15, river, $1 74, and for Nos. 3 and 5 wards, $2 05; Wm. Anthistle, pit gravel No. 5 ward, $2 75. 4. Re Western Fair, that the matter be referred to the Council for reconsideration.

Moved that that portion of the clause be struck out. Ald. Bartlett seconded the motion. Carried,

Re asphalt sidewalks, Mr. Healy wished to withdraw his tender, and the matter was referred back to the committee with power. A letter was read from Moses Cox saying that owing to a mistake in the measurement he had tendered $58 too low for the South street sewer. The clause was amended adding the $58 to his tender, making it $488. On clause 4 a deputation, consisting of Messrs. Parker, McBroom and McLeod, appeared in support of the application for the use of the old military buildings and grounds for Fair purposes.

Ald. Taylor moved, seconded by Ald. Boyd—That the prayer of the petition be granted, providing that the streets be closed only in accordance with the wishes of the people.

REPORT OF NUMBER ONE COMMITTEE.

By Ald. Kingston, chairman:

1. Your committee having examined the following accounts, and finding them correct, recommend the same for payment:

NUMBER ONE COMMITTEE ACCOUNTS.

County of Middlesex—	
Courthouse and jail	$1,337 58
Incidental Expenses—	
Deputation to Ottawa	96 65
Salaries—	
Wm. Baskerville	26 00
W. D. Buckle	3 00
S. Grant	3 00
Renewal Insurance—	
London & Liverpool & Globe	4 00
Total	$2,064 23

NUMBER TWO COMMITTEE ACCOUNTS.

Streets, etc.—	
Pay sheet	$ 317 6
Pay sheet	167 84
J. McConnell	16 79
Wm. Anthistle	33 30
Wm. Anthistle	102 60
J. Donohue	81 40
No. 5 Ward—	
Valuators—Andrews vs. City	20 00
J. Sargent	28 00
Wm. Heaman	3 25
Total	$770 65

NUMBER THREE COMMITTEE ACCOUNTS.

Fire Department—	
J. B. Smyth	$ 15 96
C. McCallum	10 35
W. S. Balkwell	25 75
Rubber Company	66 00
Hospital—	
Pay sheet	159 15
W. H. Heard & Co	100 00
S. Brooks	7 50
C. W. Belton	8 45
T Churcher	5 98
Wm. Bowman	106 58
J. S. Marshall	10 50
J. Ranahan	53 46
Pigot & Bryan	14 10
Wm. Dodson	154 14
Fitzgerald, Scandrett & Co	239 55
C. McCallum	54 47
M. Baldwin	136 38
T. Brock	18 52
Wm. Johns	27 54
H. Carroll	81 75
Street Watering—	
Pay sheet	37 50
Market—Weights and Measures—	
Inspection account	16 00
Geo. McNeill	2 75
Street Lamps—	
McBride & Phillips	49 80
Gas account	1,903 17
Total	$3,305 55
Relief Accounts—	
Fitzgerald, Scandrett & Co	27 60
Sisters of St. Joseph	250 00
M. Baldwin	81 63
J. Ranahan	3 00
Railroad passes	3 85
Hunt Bros	5 15
Total	$370 53
Grand total	$6,510 76

2. That the petition of Mrs. Bennett for remission of 1885 taxes be filed. 3. That the salary of the assistant in the Engineer's office be $45 per month. 4. That the application of the Young Men's Christian Association for remission of taxes be filed; no power. 5. That in view of the fact that the Y. M. C. A. maintained the soup kitchen during the winter of 1885-6 without the usual grant of $200 from the Council, your Committee recommend that a grant of $100 be made to assist the Y. M. C. A. 6. Your Committee beg to submit the Police Court Clerk's report for the month of April. 7. Your Committee beg to report progress in the petitions of Mrs. McDermid, Thos. Muir, Robt. Baird and Alex. Johnston. 8. Your Committee beg to submit a bylaw to renew loan at the bank of Montreal. Report adopted.

BYLAWS.

To extend the time for the Collector's rolls until June 15. Read and passed.

To borrow certain moneys to meet current expenses. Read and passed.

Adjourned until to-morrow ev'g at 7.30 to finish the business, there being some 22 bylaws to read.

The City Council met again last night pursuant to adjournment. Present: Mayor Hodgens, Ald. Taylor, Boyd, Davis, Kingston, McDonald, Hook, Stringer, Dawson, Garrett, Nutkins and Heaman.

IN THE WRONG BOX.

A long communication, which the Clerk couldn't read, was shown to the Council, and, being about the end of the world, was referred to the Fire, Water and Gas Committee. It commenced: "Nostradamus' prophecy, re 1886—On a marble tablet at Oberemach, in Germany, the following lines are engraved: (Latin quotation here.) This means that when Easter falls on St. Mark's Day (25th of April), Pentecost on St. Anthony's Day (13th June), and Corpus Christi on St. John the Baptist's Day (24th June), all the world will cry woe. Now in 1886 all these feasts will fall on the dates mentioned. The famous Nostradamus, born 14th December, 1522, and died at Salon 24th June, 1566, saith: (Another Latin quotation.) That is, when Good Friday falls on St. George's Day (23rd April), Easter on St. Mark's Day (25th April), and Corpus Christi on St. John's Day (24th June), the end of the world will come. In 1886 these three feasts fall on the dates above mentioned." The epistle ends: "You have wars, rumors of wars, epidemics, comets; you have had those wondrous luminous skies, triple suns, etc., etc. What more do you want? Why don't you learn a little sense and purity in religion? Truth, purity, honesty and fellow-feeling to all. Awake! 'Tis never too late to mend."

Wm. H. Christie, Shepherd.

COMMUNICATIONS.

From Wm. M. Moore—Re the drainage of Rosedale. No. 2.

From W. H. Simmons and others—Asking to have the City Hall bell rung at 5 p.m. as well as at 6. Granted.

From J. Morrison—Re the sewer on South street. No. 2.

MOTIONS.

Ald. Davis moved, seconded by Ald. McDonald—That there be added to section 3 of the bylaw for regulating the proceedings of the Council of the city the following clause, viz.: That in the event of the Council adjourning for want of a quorum, whilst business is being transacted, the Clerk shall take down the names of the members remaining in their places at the time of the said adjournment, and shall publish names of the absentees in the city paper having the printing of the Council.

Ald. Boyd moved in amendment—That the matter get six months' hoist. Ald. Taylor seconded. The amendment carried. Yeas—Taylor, Boyd, Hook. Stringer, Dawson and Garrett—6. Nays—Davis, Kingston and McDonald—3.

PAYMENT OF TAXES.

Ald. Kingston moved, seconded by Ald. Davis, that the Solicitor be instructed to prepare a bylaw for submission to the Council at its next ensuing regular meeting, to make provision: 1. That the collectors' roll shall be prepared and placed in their hands for collection of the annual rates not later than the first Monday in October in each year. 2. That all ratepayers of the municipality shall have privilege (if desired) of paying their taxes in three equal consecutive monthly installments, which shall be payable on the 14th days of October, November and December respectively in each year. 3. That should any ratepayer not desire to take advantage of such divisional system of payment or should he desire to take advantage thereof in part only he shall be entitled upon paying his taxes in full when either the first or second instalment becomes due, to a discount of 3 per cent. of the payments or payment that might be deferred as above provided. 4. That should taxes remain overdue and unpaid they shall bear interest at the rate of 7 per cent. per annum.

AN ELECTION ORDERED.

Ald. Taylor moved, seconded by Ald. Davis—That the seat formerly occupied by Ald. Watson in the Council be declared vacant.

ANOTHER DEPUTATION.

Ald. Boyd moved, seconded by Ald. Hook—That the Mayor and Ald. Taylor proceed to Ottawa as a deputation in support of the petition for a subsidy to the West Ontario Railroad.

Ald. Stringer suggested that Ald. Dawson's name be added to the committee.

Ald. Davis objected to this as an unnecessary expense. He wanted to know what the last deputation, consisting of Ald. Taylor and the Mayor, who had gone to Toronto without any authority from the Council, had done. The Council had paid their expenses, but never heard any report from them.